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In re Application of:

James M. Tranquilla

Appln. No.: 10/695,589

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Title: METHOD OF REMOVING MERCURY  
ASH FROM MERCURY  
CONTAMINATED MATERIALS

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Examiner: M. J. Andrews

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), Applicant hereby requests that the above-referenced patent application be withdrawn from issuance and provides the following:

1. Pursuant to the Notice of Allowance mailed by the Patent Office on June 29, 2005, the issue fee, publication fee, and fee for extra copies of the issued patent, totaling \$1,030.00, was submitted on September 7, 2005.
2. Subsequent to payment of the issue fee for the immediate application, Applicants received a European Search Report dated September 23, 2005, in a corresponding European application. The report cited four references, two of which were noted as particularly relevant to the patentability of the instant invention.
3. Concurrent with this Petition, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination and an accompanying Information Disclosure Statement listing all art cited in the related European Search Report.
4. Applicant submits the following fees:
  - a. Petition fee in the amount of \$130.00;
  - b. Request for Continued Examination fee in the amount of \$395.00.

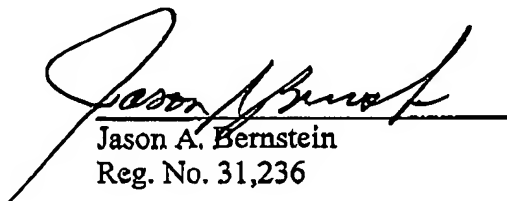
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Further, Applicant notes that on November 16, 2005, Applicant spoke with a customer representative with the Office of Petitions, and was informed that sufficient time remains before the issue date to consider (and grant) the instant Petition and that upon receipt of this Petition, the Request for Continued Examination, and the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith, the application would be forwarded to the Examiner for consideration.

Applicant hereby requests that the instant patent application be withdrawn from issuance, that the Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith be considered, and that upon issuance of the instant application, the issue fee in the amount of \$1,030.00 previously submitted be credited toward the issue fee then assessed. Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,

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